

Showdown on 'Bugging' Is Given Up

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Sen. Robert F. Kennedy (D-N.Y.) and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover apparently will not have a showdown before Senate investigators over who authorized "bugging" when Kennedy was Attorney General.

Chairman Edward V. Long (D-Mo.) said neither Hoover nor Kennedy had accepted his invitation to appear before the Administrative Practices and Procedures Subcommittee.

Long extended his invitation in a public announcement shortly after the Kennedy-Hoover controversy boiled into the headlines. He said he did not intend to send a formal letter of invitation to either Kennedy or Hoover.

Hoover made public documents indicating that Kennedy approved FBI eavesdropping. Kennedy then produced a letter from a liaison agent indicating that he never was asked to authorize any bugging.

Legislation that would outlaw all bugging except in national security cases was introduced in the House yesterday by Rep. Cornelius E. Gallagher (D-N.J.), chairman of a special subcommittee on invasion of privacy, and by Rep. John E. Moss (D-Calif.), Chairman of the House Information Subcommittee.